

# Reading 2002, Grade 8

## Reading Composite

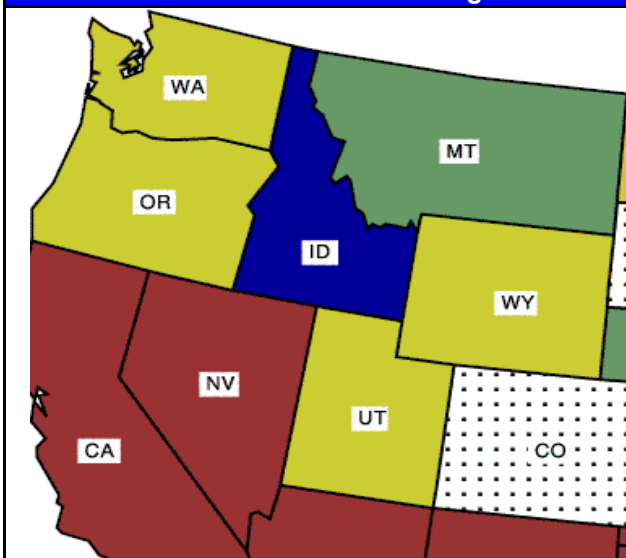


### Idaho NAEP Snapshot

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The Reading assessment of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) used multiple-choice and constructed-response questions to examine comprehension in three contexts: Reading for Literary Experience, Reading to Be Informed, and Reading to Perform a Task. The reading scale scores ranged from 0 to 500, where 243 is a *Basic* performance, 281 is *Proficient*, and 323 is *Advanced*.

### Reading in the Northwest (Average Scale Score)

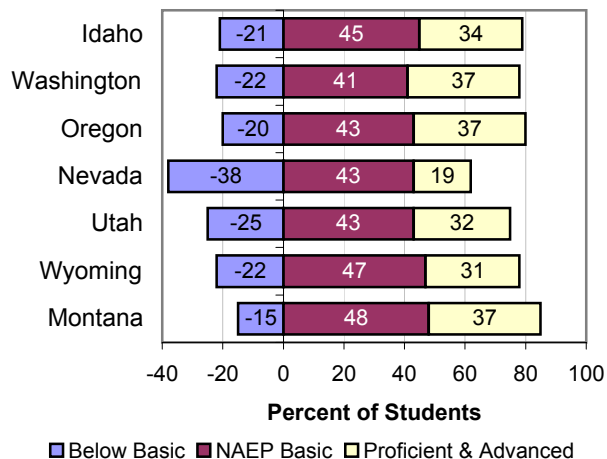


Legend: Idaho (blue) is the focal state. States in green scored significantly higher than Idaho. States in yellow were not statistically different from Idaho. States in red scored significantly lower than Idaho.

- ◆ In 2002, the average scale score for 8th grade students in Idaho was 266. This was higher than that of students across the nation (263).
- ◆ Idaho 8th graders had a higher average scale score on the 2002 reading assessment than their peers in Nevada.
- ◆ Idaho had an average scale score on the 2002 8th grade reading assessment that was not different from Washington, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming.
- ◆ Idaho 8th graders had a lower average scale score on the 2002 reading assessment than their peers in Montana.

### Percentage of Grade 8 Students at NAEP Achievement Levels

- ◆ Seventy-nine (79) percent of Idaho 8th grade students scored at or above *Basic* on the 2002 reading assessment. This was higher than the nation (74 percent).
- ◆ Idaho had a higher percentage of 8th graders than Nevada and Utah scoring at or above *Basic* on the 2002 reading assessment.
- ◆ The percentage of Idaho 8th graders scoring at or above *Basic* was not different from their peers in Washington, Oregon and Wyoming.
- ◆ Idaho had a lower percentage of 8th graders than Montana scoring at or above *Basic* on the 2002 reading assessment.



Comparisons are based on statistical tests (.05 level) that consider magnitude of difference and standard errors.

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